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CYCLING CHAMPIONS

Covered areas, proper locking systems also needed, say commuters

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In an effort to strengthen last-mile connectivity and promote eco-friendly commuting, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL) has decided to introduce free bicycle parking facilities at nine metro stations across the city. The move is expected to encourage more commuters to combine cycling with metro travel, reducing dependence on private vehicles for short distances.

At present, cyclists using metro parking facilities are charged a nominal fee of Rs 1 per hour, with a maximum cap of Rs 10 per day. Under the new initiative, this fee will be waived at select stations as part of a pilot project. Officials say the decision is aimed at making cycling a more attractive and affordable option for daily commuters.

The announcement has been welcomed by cycling groups and urban mobility advocates, who see it as a positive step toward greener transport solutions. However, many cyclists stress that free parking alone will not be enough unless

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"Safe approach roads, cycle lanes, lighting, and surveillance are just as important. When people feel safe cycling to the station, they are far more likely to adopt it as a daily habit

— Urban mobility expert

How to lose a licence

Traffic police register over 39K drunk driving cases, recommend cancellation of licences of over 19K motorists

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Bengaluru is witnessing a sharp rise in cases of drunk driving, with 19,548 drivers now facing the possibility of suspension of their driving licences. In 2025 alone, traffic police registered 39,349 cases of drunk driving across the city. Each offender has been fined 10,000 for violating traffic rules while driving under the influence of alcohol.

To ensure stricter compliance, the traffic police have recommended that the transport department suspend the licences of habitual offenders. Of the 19,548 recommended cases, over 4,470 driving licences have already been temporarily suspended. First-time offenders caught driving under the influence are fined ₹10,000, along with a three-month licence suspension. Repeat offenders face a fine of ₹15,000 and a six-month licence suspension, police said.

A senior police official said, "Special operations are ongoing across the city to identify and penalise drunk drivers. This is a continuous exercise, and all such offenders are being recommended for licence suspension. The process will remain active to prevent recurrence."

Wheelie action

The crackdown is not limited to four-wheelers. Traffic authorities are also targeting two-wheeler riders performing

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THINGS TO DO

01 Poetic expression

Shaam-e-Baazgasht offers an intimate, cosy, and immersive poetry experience drawn from a bilingual Hindi–English collection that journeys through unrequited love, longing, heartbreak, queerness, healing, and the quiet courage of letting go.
Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar;
When: February 8, 5.30 pm

02 Taste of devotion

Atta Galatta is bringing 'Divine Delicacies', a unique experience where samples of prasadams from various temples will be served along with stories of places of worship and the perceived food preferences of the divine.

Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar;
When: February 8, 12.30 pm

03 Rhythm of grace

Vandana Subash, a Bharatanatyam performing artiste from Pune and a disciple of Divya Ravi, is presenting a Bharatanatyam performance, with a live ensemble of musicians. The event will be graced by Lakshmi Gopalaswamy, Bharatanatyam exponent and actress.
Where: Indian Institute of World Culture, Basavanagudi;
When: February 6, 6 pm

04 Contemporary jazz

Saxophonist and composer Tineke Postma will be bringing her quartet to Bengaluru with music from her latest album VOYA, a contemporary jazz project shaped by themes of journey, movement, and transformation.

Where: Windmills Craftworks, Whitefield;
When: February 6 and 7, 9.30 pm

05 Immersive celebration

The Sixth Sense, India's first and largest multidisciplinary immersive festival, conceptualised and developed by Swordfish, the creators of Echoes of Earth festival, brings together art, music, technology, and nature to rekindle connection with the natural world.
Where: Alembic City, Whitefield;
When: February 5 to 22

KSCPCR demands stronger vigil to curb child labour

Child rights panel flags irregularity in meetings held by task forces, stressing these sessions strengthen oversight on child exploitation and are crucial for effective rehabilitation

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The Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) has urged the government to ensure that task force committees at taluk and district level conduct meetings once in a month to keep a vigil on child labour and ensure suitable rehabilitation for rescued child labourers.

In a letter to the Principal Secretary, Labour Department, Dr Thippeswamy KT, a member of KSCPCR, noted that task force committees in five districts had failed to hold meetings and carry out inspections as mandated by the norms.

Dr Thippeswamy stated that task force committees at the taluk and district levels are required to conduct meetings at regular intervals. However, during his visits to five districts, he observed that the committees have achieved only about a 50 per cent success rate in holding meetings and conducting inspections. "I urge the labour department to have an online tracking facility to know whether the task force committees have been meeting as per the norms. The other pressing need is to have coordination among 11 government departments to prevent child labour and provide rehabilitation for rescued child labourers," he said.

He said that the labour department needs to facilitate vehicles and sanction special allowance for fuel. "There is no vehicle facility for the taluk-level task force committee. It will be difficult for the task force committee members to appear before the district child welfare committee for rehabilitation purposes," he noted.

Child rights activist says real impact requires continuous training, motivation, adequate resources and accountability mechanisms to prevent fatigue and dilution of purpose

Child rights activist Nagasimha G Rao observed that, in the aftermath of the pandemic, society has shown greater sympathy toward child labour. He cautioned, however, that empathy is not inherently positive. "It often manifests as passive understanding or even subtle normalisation of children's work as a necessary family coping mechanism amid economic hardship, rather than as outrage that leads to a firm rejection of the practice. To eradicate the child labour system effectively, all government departments must coordinate seamlessly," said Rao.

He opined that, as a crucial first step, India should withdraw the reservation (interpretative declaration) it placed on Article 32 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) upon ratification in 1992. "This reservation has permitted a gradual rather than immediate prohibition and removing it would fully align with global standards against economic exploitation of children," he said.

He stated that education and child labour remain two sides of the same coin: inadequate schooling pushes children into work, while labour, in turn, robs them of education. He emphasised that the definition of a child labourer must evolve beyond those who are visibly working, to include all out-of-school children as potential child labourers. He said this shift would prioritise prevention through universal school enrolment, retention and tracking of dropouts. "Although governments routinely form task forces and committees, these often lack sustained momentum. For real impact, members require continuous training, motivation, adequate resources, and accountability mechanisms to prevent fatigue or dilution of purpose," he said.

Feeding hope, nurturing aspirations of young minds

When Nandini first stepped into Shishu Mandir at six years old, she carried little more than hope. Her family, part of the Banjara community, struggled to provide even a single proper meal each day. Hunger was a part of her childhood and school often felt impossible.

What transformed her life was not only access to education but also the regular nutritious meals supplied through Feeding India's Daily Feeding Programme (DFP).

With the support of Shishu Mandir, Nandini thrived. She completed her schooling, went on to earn a master's degree and today runs the Advaya Educational Trust, a daycare for children from migrant communities in Bengaluru's urban slums. The centre ensures children receive proper nutrition, care and learning opportunities, giving them a chance to succeed despite frequent moves, language barriers or missing school records.

Shishu Mandir, founded in 1983, admits 25 children each year from families struggling with irregular incomes. They provide free education to children from underprivileged backgrounds. Before Feeding India stepped in, hunger affected children's ability to concentrate, grow and stay healthy. "Before Feeding India's Daily Feeding Programme (DFP), many children lacked reliable access to adequate nutrition. Some ate very little, others skipped meals entirely and most did not receive a nutritionally balanced diet," said a spokesperson from Feeding India. They pointed out that the consequences were evident: children displayed low energy levels, diminished motivation, poor concentration in class and visible signs of malnutrition that affected their physical growth and daily functioning. "Currently, through the DFP, Feeding India serves over 140,000 meals to children daily across India, of which 310 students at Shishu Mandir receive nutritious meals including lunch, snacks and dinner," said the spokesperson, adding that the programme supports students across all grade levels at Shishu Mandir, from early primary classes through higher secondary education.

Proper nourishment helps children stay healthy and focused, boosting concentration, memory and overall academic performance (File photo)

Every year, the school admits 25 children (17 boys and 8 girls) selected from economically vulnerable households within a 3 km radius of Kithiganur. These children come from marginalised communities including Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes, with many families working as daily wage labourers or in agriculture with irregular incomes.

Access to regular, nutritious meals has brought a profound change to students' daily lives and their ability to learn. Children who once went to bed hungry now sleep soundly, with stable energy levels and better overall health. Proper nourishment allows children to be more focused, leading to noticeable improvements in concentration and academic performance.

-Iffath Fathima

Voter roll drive drains migrant workforce

Electoral verification in north Indian states triggers labour shortages across Bengaluru's hotels and construction sites hitting local economy hard

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If you are waiting longer for your food in a Bengaluru restaurant or watching a construction site slow down, the reason may lie hundreds of kilometres away. A voter list verification exercise in states like West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh is quietly creating a labour shortage in Bengaluru and other cities of the state, exposing how closely the city's economy is tied to migrant workers and decisions taken outside Karnataka.

Large numbers of migrant workers employed in Bengaluru have begun returning to their native states after receiving notices under the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls. Workers say they have been asked to be physically present in their home towns to resolve discrepancies in names and personal details in voter records.

Hotels and restaurants struggle to function as backbone migrant workforce leaves to resolve voter record discrepancies

Unwilling to risk losing their voting rights or facing legal complications, many have chosen to return immediately.

Sources said West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh are among the states where the revision is being carried out more rigorously. In West Bengal, the exercise has gained additional attention amid concerns over illegal infiltration from Bangladesh, with the Election Commission issuing notices to many people to establish citizenship and voter identity. This has triggered anxiety among workers from the state who earn their livelihoods in Bengaluru.

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As usual, it is the migrant workers, who have to leave. This time around, it is the notices issued for Special Intensive Revision that have created panic, forcing at least 9,400 workers to return to their hometowns from Bengaluru
DROP ALL YOUR WORK, RUN TO SECURE RIGHT TO VOTE
Reasons given in notice: Address discrepancies, absence from earlier electoral rolls, frequent relocation
Stop circus of hearing!

BM had reported on Jan 29 about exodus of migrant workers to their hometowns

The impact is now visible across the city, particularly in sectors heavily dependent on migrant labour. Hotels and restaurants are among the worst affected, as workers from West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh form a large share of the hospitality workforce, employed as waiters, cleaners, kitchen assistants and support staff. "Many workers have gone back to their villages after getting notices asking them to be personally present there. Only a few have stayed back," said Nagaraj Shetty, a hotel entrepreneur. "This has already created some shortage of staff. Local people generally do not come forward for these jobs, so we depend on workers from other states."

Some hoteliers said a section of migrant workers continues to work as usual, as they have not received notices so far. However, there is concern that shortages could worsen if more workers are called back in the coming weeks.

The construction sector is also under strain. Contractors say migrant workers from West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh make up a substantial portion of the workforce at building sites, and sudden departures have led to delays and higher costs. Karnataka relies heavily on migrant workers for economy.

Forwarding scams surge nationwide

Cybercrime agencies are warning of a sharp rise in call forwarding frauds, where victims unknowingly transfer control of their incoming calls to criminals. The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre has alerted states that scammers, often posing as courier staff, ask people to dial short codes claiming to fix delivery issues. Police say these USSD codes can secretly activate call forwarding, diverting bank verification calls and OTPs to fraudsters, enabling unauthorised access to financial and personal data.

Agencies have also flagged a growing "WhatsApp rental" scam, in which social media ads promise easy income for linking accounts through QR codes. Victims unknowingly hand over control, and their accounts are used for phishing or illegal activities, risking legal consequences. Investigators are also seeing more matrimonial and dating scams tied to fake overseas profiles and cryptocurrency investments. Experts urge users to avoid unknown codes, never share QR access, and disable call forwarding if suspicious, and report any suspected cybercrime immediately to authorities for action. —BMB

Phone theft solved in minutes

Amid a rise in mobile phone thefts, a complaint was lodged through Namma-112 near a bar within Kamakshipalya Police Station limits. A police official said Hoysala patrol reached the spot in ten minutes, traced the device, recovered it promptly, and returned the mobile phone to the complainant without any delay.

—BMB

Minor served alcohol, case registered

Police have registered a case against a company for allegedly allowing a minor to consume alcohol, following the death of a 15-year-old boy who fell from an apartment building in Rajarajeshwarinagar. According to police, a resident of an apartment on Dr Vishnuvardhan Road filed a complaint on January 31. He stated that at around 9.40 pm, his son, who lived in the apartment, fell from the seventh floor and died on the spot.

During investigation, police found that earlier the same day, the boy and his friends had allegedly consumed alcohol and smoked at a company establishment located within the jurisdiction of Rajarajeshwarinagar Police Station. Based on this, a case has been registered against the owners and staff of the company under provisions of the Juvenile Justice Act and the Karnataka Excise Act. —BMB

Chain-snatchers nabbed

A chain-snatching incident was reported at Dasanapura, under the limits of Madanayakanahalli Police Station, after two men allegedly used the pretext of buying cigarettes to commit the crime. According to police, the accused arrived in a car and stopped near a bakery in Dasanapura hobli of Bengaluru North taluk. One of the men approached the shop owner, Nagaratna, and asked for cigarettes. He then claimed he would pay through PhonePe and requested her mobile number. As the woman stepped closer to share the number, the man suddenly snatched her mangalsutra and fled the spot in the waiting car within seconds. The entire incident was captured on CCTV cameras installed at the bakery. Police have registered a case and launched a search to identify and trace the accused. —BMB

Night abduction foiled, victim rescued

How safe are night walks? On January 30 around 10.43 pm, Hebbagodi Police received a Namma-112 call reporting a man's abduction in an autorickshaw from Bommasandra Industrial Area. Acting swiftly, Namma-112 alerted Hoysala-08, which reached the spot within 19 minutes. With public assistance, police intercepted the autorickshaw, rescued the victim, seized weapons and apprehended the accused. The suspects were handed over to Hebbagodi Police Station for further investigation. Police said the case was detected with support from Bengaluru Safe City Project, without casualties reported. —BMB

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Citizens team up with BDA to transform e-auction platform

Volunteers and officials collaborate to simplify property auctions, boost transparency, and improve mobile accessibility for citizens

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In an encouraging example of citizen–government collaboration, a group of civic-tech volunteers under the banner Zen Citizen has partnered with the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) to revamp communication around its e-auction platform. The initiative aims to simplify property auctions and make them more transparent and accessible for citizens.

What makes the effort stand out is not just that citizens stepped in to improve a government process, but that the BDA actively welcomed the collaboration. The revamped communication framework, built as an open-source solution, is now being integrated into BDA's official website, allowing wider adoption, scrutiny, and future improvements.

Previously, the BDA shared all its e-auction details through a single, multi-page PDF that was heavy on information but difficult to navigate. The dense format made it hard for citizens to quickly scan or understand key details, especially on mobile phones. The same PDF was repeatedly used across newspaper advertisements, the BDA website, and social media platforms such as Twitter, without any design adaptation for the different mediums, further increasing the cognitive load on users.

Vineeta K, Founder of Zen Citizen, said, "When we shared feedback on their auction communication, the BDA Commissioner, Mannivanan P, warmly welcomed the revamp. It was a pivotal moment for us. After knocking on the doors of multiple departments to make the case for tools and content that could enhance the citizen experience, we finally found institutional backing from the government."

Volunteers and BDA launch citizen-friendly e-auction platform

Zen Citizen volunteers redesigned BDA's e-auction, replacing dense PDFs with interactive maps, filters, and clear, open-source instructions

We learned that the poor UI in auction communication is often by design, to discourage broader participation and limit the auction to a close insider circle. Zen Citizen built an interactive interface with a map view, filters, and search. The map view includes site layout boundaries, both satellite and street views. Additionally, we reorganised the information so key details are easy to find, and rewrote the instructions and terms and conditions in plain English to reduce invalid bids and bidder grievances. We also optimised the interface for viewing on mobile devices.

The BDA Commissioner reached out to the group for support on January 4. Within less than two weeks, by January 17, they had developed a functional prototype, followed by a citizen-ready version by January 24, well ahead of the auction scheduled to begin on January 27. Volunteer Priti Pandurangan led the effort, delivering a thoughtfully designed and user-centric solution in a matter of weeks.

However, coordinating inputs across multiple departments remained the biggest challenge. "The most challenging part of the process was consolidating information spread across multiple departments, including Engineering, Finance, IT, and external vendors. We also took on responsibility for checking the quality of the information, even though this was not within our mandate. For example, one clause in the terms and conditions stated that 'Geo tags of the sites are for reference only and no claim will be entertained in case of discrepancies.' While this placed responsibility on bidders, hosting the information on our own site meant we felt compelled to double-check its accuracy rather than rely solely on such disclaimers. What began as sharing wireframes soon became full development, because improving the citizen experience meant seeing the project through to the last mile," added Vineeta.

The next phase involves integrating these pages into the BDA website and establishing them as the single authoritative source for all e-auction information. With the code being open-source, the group hopes other government departments will adopt it to rethink how they communicate e-auction information, encouraging a more citizen-centric approach.

Hebbal-Silk Board tunnel approved

The State Government's ambitious tunnel road project aimed at easing Bengaluru's traffic congestion is set to move forward, with work orders expected to be issued by the end of the month. The proposed six-lane, 16.74-km twin-tube tunnel connecting Hebbal's Esteem Mall to Silk Board Junction will be executed in two packages. The project has faced strong opposition from environmentalists, citizen groups and political parties particularly over the use of around six acres of Lalbagh land for entry and exit ramps. Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited (B-SMILE) has finalised the tender process.

Of the bidders, the Adani Group and Dilip Buildcon were found technically qualified, with Adani emerging as the lowest bidder (L-1), although its quote is around 32 per cent higher than the government's estimated project cost of ₹17,698 crore.

A B-SMILE official said the project would be implemented under a Build-Operate-Transfer model, with 14 entry and exit ramps along the corridor. The government will bear 40 per cent of the project cost as viability gap funding, amounting to around ₹8,800 crore, financed through a HUDCO loan backed by a state guarantee. The remaining investment will be made by the concessionaire, which will also operate and maintain the tunnel for 30 years. Toll charges are proposed at ₹19 per km, with a full-length commute costing around ₹317. With the Adani Group selected as the L-1 bidder, financial scrutiny is underway, and Cabinet approval is required before the final work order is issued. **–BMB**

Failure to renew licences will bring penalties

Traders who fail to renew their trade licences on time will face a steep price, with a 100 per cent penalty applicable from April 1, according to a circular issued by Greater Bengaluru Authority Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao. The circular pertains to the renewal of trade licences for 2026–27 across the five city corporations under the GBA. To ease the process, traders have been allowed to renew licences for a period ranging from one to five financial years, from April to March of the financial year, with fees payable according to the number of years opted for.

As in previous years, payments must be made online or through a bank challan at Canara Bank. Licence fees can be paid without penalty between February 1–28, 2026. Renewals carried out between March 1–31, will attract a 25 per cent penalty. From 1 April onwards, traders will have to pay the full licence fee as penalty. The Chief Commissioner has made it clear that the entire renewal process will be conducted online.

Under zone classification rules, trade licences issued after 2015 in residential areas on roads narrower than 40 feet will be withheld and rejected. On roads wider than 40 feet, only permitted trades will be renewed, while others will be rejected with endorsement. Renewals will also be denied if complaints are received about businesses operating in unauthorised or plan-violating buildings, parking areas or rooftops.

Meanwhile, Rao said that strict conditions have been laid down on waste management and public health compliance. Establishments generating over 100 kg of waste must submit proof of on-site waste processing or agreements with authorised waste vendors. Marriage halls must submit written declarations of compliance along with photographs displaying the relevant orders on their premises. Hotels, restaurants and food establishments must give written declarations confirming adherence to the plastic ban, display posters discouraging single-use plastics, and maintain separate bins for wet and dry waste. **–BMB**

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Poster chaos
Marathahalli

Birthday flex posters ignore the ban and continue to clutter Marathahalli.

Slab danger
Marathahalli Market

Dangerous gaps between slabs pose a risk near Marathahalli Market.

Footpath risk
HSR Layout

Encroached footpath on HSR Layout's 27th Main Road forces pedestrians onto the carriageway.

WhatsApp obscenity case probe continues

The Karnataka High Court has refused to quash a first information report registered in 2021 against a man accused of being part of a WhatsApp group that circulated obscene depictions of Hindu deities. Justice M Nagaprasanna held that a prima facie case existed, observing that the material had the potential to outrage religious feelings and disturb communal harmony.

Dismissing the petition, the Court said the allegations attracted Section 295A of the Indian Penal Code, which penalises deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious sentiments. Interference at the investigation stage, it said, would amount to prematurely stifling a lawful inquiry, adding that free speech cannot be invoked to justify content capable of disrupting public order.

The FIR was based on a complaint that the complainant was added to a WhatsApp group where obscene and offensive images of Hindu deities were repeatedly shared. During investigation, the petitioner was arrested, his phone seized, and he was later granted bail before approaching the High Court.

HIGH COURT

The petitioner alleged investigative lapses, bias, and absence of sanction under Section 196 CrPC. Rejecting this, the Court clarified that sanction is required only at the stage of cognisance, not registration or investigation. The petition was dismissed outright. **BMB**

Magadi Road APMC land acquisition upheld

The Karnataka High Court has upheld the state government's acquisition of 281 acres of land on Magadi Road in Bengaluru, ending a prolonged dispute over land earmarked for an Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee project.

The land was acquired years ago to develop a large agricultural market aimed at improving infrastructure for storage, sale and distribution of farm produce. A trust owning the land challenged the acquisition, alleging violations of mandatory procedures under land acquisition laws and questioning the legality of the process.

After examining official records, the court rejected these claims. It noted that the petition was unsustainable, particularly considering the conduct of the trust during the acquisition proceedings. Judges observed that senior representatives of the trust had actively participated in government meetings convened to discuss compensation for the acquired land.

Records showed that a meeting chaired by senior revenue department officials was held to finalise compensation rates, with the trust's representatives present and involved in deliberations. The court held that once landowners participated in compensation negotiations and accepted the process, they could not subsequently challenge the validity of the acquisition itself. **BMB**

Crores spent while laundry machines lie unused

From expensive blueprints to unused laundry machines, administrative lapses continue to dog the Institute of Nephro Urology for years

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- Laundry equipment procured at the time of construction of the annex building.
- Not a single cloth or bedsheet was washed by using the new laundry equipment since April 30, 2019.
- Till date, the Institute of Nephro Urology spent Rs 2 crore to Rs 3 crore for engaging private laundry for washing clothes used by patients.
- Rs 45 lakh paid for preparing the blueprint for the annex building.

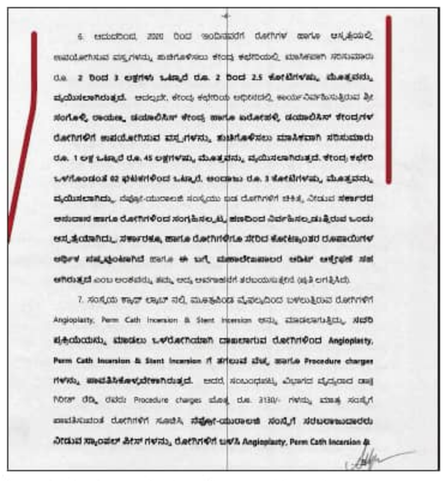
Rs 19,75,000 worth laundry equipment lying idle at annex building of Institute of Nephro Urology

It appears that the Director of the Institute of Nephro Urology has repeatedly drawn attention for reasons that raise serious administrative and financial questions. One of the most striking instances is the expenditure of a hefty ₹45 lakh for engaging an architect to prepare a blueprint for the construction of an annex building on the Victoria Hospital premises. Equally questionable is the procurement of laundry equipment worth ₹19.75 lakh at the time the annex building construction commenced—nearly seven years ago—long before the facility was ready for installation. The decision has been compared to purchasing furniture and household appliances well before completing a house.

Indian Audit and Accounts Department, in its detailed August 9, 2019 report to the Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department (Medical Education), flagged non-installation of laundry equipment procured at an estimated cost of ₹19.75 lakh.

This is not the first time the Institute of Nephro Urology has figured in the headlines for controversial reasons. Bangalore Mirror had earlier published a report titled All is not well at Institute of Nephro Urology on May 9, 2024, which detailed how the Lokayukta ordered a probe following allegations that professors at the government institute were practising at private hospitals. Another report, Institute director in power struggle, published on June 18, 2024, highlighted how the then in-charge director allegedly took unilateral decisions without consulting the Administrative Officer.

The present controversy revolves around the procurement of laundry machinery worth ₹19.75 lakh. Documents available with Bangalore Mirror indicate that Dr Shivalingaiah M was in charge of the annex building construction in 2018. It is also stated that he paid ₹45 lakh in 2017 to an agency for preparing the building's blueprint.



Institute of Nephro-Urology Administrative Officer's complaint on spending Rs 2 to Rs 3 lakh per month for washing clothes used by patients

Although the annex building is now ready for inauguration, it reportedly lacks essential facilities to cater to 150 in-patients and hundreds of out-patients. In a complaint to the Principal Secretary of the Health and Family Welfare Department, the Administrative Officer pointed out that the building was constructed in an unscientific manner, with ramps that are too narrow. Doctors working at the institute have also raised concerns that the out-patient block lacks proper ventilation.

The Indian Audit and Accounts Department, in a detailed report dated August 9, 2019, submitted to the Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department (Medical Education), flagged the non-installation of the laundry equipment procured at an estimated cost of ₹19.75 lakh. The report noted that the equipment had been kept on the Institute of Nephro Urology premises since April 30, 2019, without being installed. "Till date the equipment was kept idle without installing," the report stated.

Further, a letter from the Administrative Officer to the Principal Secretary revealed that the institute has been forced to spend between ₹2 lakh and ₹3 lakh every month on private laundry services. The letter added that the institute has spent approximately ₹2 crore to ₹2.5 crore so far on engaging private laundries for washing clothes used by patients.

When contacted, Dr Shivalingaiah M, Director of the Institute of Nephro Urology, said the laundry equipment procured in 2019 remains in good condition. "I procured the laundry equipment for installing at the existing old building but kept it here due to lack of space," he said.

Governor sends hate speech bill to President

Governor Thaawar Chand Gehlot has referred the Karnataka Hate Speech and Hate Crimes (Prevention) Bill, 2025 to President Droupadi Murmu without granting assent, citing 29 detailed reasons.

Sources said the Governor noted that the definition of hate speech in the Bill is vague and overly broad, and that no meaningful public consultation or discussions with stakeholders or departments were held before introducing it.

The Bill was also not adequately debated in the Legislative Assembly. He received over 40 representations urging him not to approve the Bill, with concerns that it could be misused to curb press freedom and suppress free expression.

The Governor pointed out that existing provisions under the Indian Penal Code already address hate speech, but the proposed law sharply expands their scope, increases penalties, and grants the government wide powers, including control over internet content.

Sources said the Governor expressed apprehension that the Bill gives excessive authority to police and officials to ban speeches or programmes on the presumption they may incite hatred, potentially enabling arbitrary or biased action against individuals or organisations.

He highlighted that the law makes offences non-bailable, substantially enhances jail terms and fines, and extends criminal liability to institutions and office-bearers, including media organisations. Such provisions, he warned, could be oppressive, unconstitutional, and prone to political misuse. The lack of clarity in defining hate speech risks even ordinary expression being brought under its ambit, thereby threatening democratic freedoms. **BMB**

Expressway dreams hit speed bump, 25 km stuck

Construction on a 25.5 km stretch has stalled due to financial issues, delaying completion and affecting Bengaluru–Chennai connectivity significantly

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Environmental clearance and forest structures further push completion timelines

Your plans to cruise along the Bengaluru–Chennai Expressway will have to wait longer due to a 25.5 km stretch where construction has stalled. Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari said that while work on three of the four packages in Tamil Nadu, covering 80.2 km, is around 90% complete and expected by July 2026, progress on the remaining 25.5 km has been halted since May 2025 because of the concessionaire's financial issues. Efforts to appoint a new concessionaire are underway.

Already, the Bengaluru-Chennai expressway which is two years behind the schedule. As per the latest update, phase-2, covering 85 km across Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, is nearly complete with 87 percent physical progress and 74 km finished as of November 30, 2025. The Bethamangala-Baireddipalle stretch in Karnataka/Andhra Pradesh has achieved 96 percent completion, but environmental clearance delays and scope changes have pushed the revised completion to later part of this year. The Baireddipalle-Bangarupalem section in Andhra Pradesh is 80 percent complete, with additional forest structures causing delays and a revised finish now expected by June 2026. The Bangarupalem-Gudipala section is already complete after earlier delays in shifting high-tension lines.

Phase-three

Phase-3, spanning 106.8 km across Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, has completed 84.3 km, translating to 84 percent progress overall. The Gudipala-Walajahpet stretch is 92 percent done but faced delays due to multiple railway approvals and rock cutting near residential areas. The Walajahpet-Arakkonam section is 93 percent complete, held up by shifting extra high tTension lines. lines and railway overbridge construction. The Arakkonam-Kanchipuram stretch has progressed only 54 percent, with work halted since May 2025 due to financial issues of the concessionaire. Meanwhile, the Kancheepuram-Sriperumbudur section is 83 percent complete, delayed by land compensation disputes, procurement challenges, and unseasonal rainfall. A 1.1 km Trumpet Interchange connecting the expressway with NH 48 near Sriperumbudur has made just 24 percent progress due to contractor performance and design changes. Completion for these delayed stretches is now scheduled for later part of this year, Gadkari said in a parliamentary reply.

As of November 30, 2025, a total of Rs 1,653 crore has been disbursed as compensation for land acquired for Phase-3 of the Chennai-Bengaluru Expressway (NE-7)

Financials & impact

As per the parliamentary data, the combined cost of Phase-2 and Phase-3 stands at Rs 13,247 crore, with Rs 9,126 crore spent so far. The expressway, once fully operational, is expected to cut travel time between Bengaluru and Chennai significantly, enhance connectivity for freight and passenger traffic, and support regional trade and industrial growth. While Karnataka sections are moving steadily, Tamil Nadu segments face the bulk of delays, underscoring the challenges of large-scale infrastructure projects in forested, urban-adjacent, and highly regulated areas.

Compensation package

As of November 30, 2025, a total of Rs 1,653 crore has been disbursed as compensation for land acquired for Phase-3 of the Chennai-Bengaluru Expressway (NE-7). This includes Rs 82 crore for the Gudipala-Walajahpet section (Package-I), Rs 95 crore for the Walajahpet-Arakkonam stretch (Package-II), Rs 226 crore for the Arakkonam-Kanchipuram section (Package-III), and Rs 1,250 crore for the Kanchipuram-Sriperumbudur section (Package-IV), covering all major land acquisition costs for the expressway corridor and associated infrastructure.

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Consumer Connect Initiative

Centre clears heritage, green tourism boost for Mysuru

Heritage revival and eco tourism initiatives seek to improve visitor experience, increase hotel stays and strengthen Mysuru's tourism economy

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A new chapter is opening for heritage tourism in Mysuru as the Centre clears two major projects that promise to change how visitors experience the royal city. Mysuru draws nearly four thousand tourists every day, yet many visitors complain that apart from the palace, zoo and Chamundi Hill, there is little to explore. This lack of variety has also affected hotel stays and local tourism revenue. The new initiatives aim to link the city's many traditional structures, revive tonga rides and showcase Mysuru's heritage with better planning and accessibility.

The Centre has approved the Tonga Ride Experience Zone under the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme with a grant of 2.71 crore rupees. Once iconic to Mysuru, tonga rides (travelling in horse drawn carts) had lost their charm due to traffic issues, lack of regulation and inadequate facilities. Today only around 50 tangas remain. The new plan hopes to bring them back by creating specific routes, integrating GPS, improving service standards and connecting key heritage buildings. Tourism stakeholders say this could open fresh opportunities, though they stress the project must move quickly.

Swadesh Darshan funding to restore iconic tonga rides in Mysuru

Green tourism boost

Alongside heritage revival, the Centre has sanctioned Rs 18.47 crore to strengthen green tourism across Mysuru. Visitors will be able to observe animals and birds from elevated pathways and enjoy new eco facilities such as an eco bridge and a dedicated food court. This green corridor is expected to become a major draw for families, students and nature enthusiasts.

An official said, "The proposal had earlier faced objections from the Forest and Environment Departments, but concerns were resolved in a joint committee meeting led by ministers from both departments." Officials say the project will be executed without harming the environment. Both projects were pushed by MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, who submitted proposals to the Union Tourism Minister and secured approval. KSTDC will implement the schemes.

The project will link the Mysuru Zoo, Karanji Lake and the Regional Museum of Natural History with a canopy walk that offers an aerial viewing experience

Hotel owners and tourism experts believe these developments will finally broaden Mysuru's offerings and encourage visitors to stay longer. With heritage routes, revived tanga rides, aerial walks and eco attractions, Mysuru's tourism landscape is set for a significant upgrade.

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WHEN THE UNIVERSE TICKS EVERY NINE HOURS

New observations trace a slow radio rhythm to an unlikely stellar remnant hiding in a binary system

Cosmic radio pulses repeating every few minutes or hours, known as long-period transients, have puzzled astronomers since their discovery in 2022. Our new study, published in Nature Astronomy today, might finally add some clarity.

Radio astronomers are very familiar with pulsars, a type of rapidly rotating neutron star. To observers on Earth, these objects appear to pulse because powerful radio beams from their poles sweep past our telescopes – much like a cosmic lighthouse.

The slowest pulsars rotate in just a few seconds – this is known as their period. But in recent years, long-period transients have also been discovered. These have periods ranging from 18 minutes to more than six hours.

From everything we know about neutron stars, they should not be able to produce radio waves while spinning this slowly. So, is there something wrong with physics?

Neutron stars are not the only compact stellar remnants, however, so perhaps they are not the stars of this story after all. Our new paper presents evidence that the longest-lived long-period transient, GPM J1839-10, is actually a white dwarf star. It produces powerful radio beams with the help of a stellar companion, implying others may be doing the same.

Enter white dwarf pulsars

Like neutron stars, white dwarfs are the remnants of dead stars. They are about the size of Earth, but with an entire Sun's worth of mass packed in.

No isolated white dwarf has been observed to emit radio pulses. However, they have the necessary ingredients to do so when paired with an M-type dwarf (a regular star about half the Sun's mass) in a close two-star system known as a binary.

In fact, we know such rapidly spinning "white dwarf pulsars" exist because they have been observed – the first was confirmed in 2016.

This raises the question: could long-period transients be the slower cousins of white dwarf pulsars?

More than ten long-period transients have been discovered to date, but they are so distant and so deeply embedded in our galaxy that it has been difficult to determine their nature. Only in 2025 were two long-period transients conclusively identified as white dwarf–M-dwarf binaries, an unexpected finding.

However, this left astronomers with more questions.

Even if some long-period transients are white dwarf–M-dwarf binaries, do they radiate in the same way as the faster white dwarf pulsars? And are long-period transients visible only at radio wavelengths, doomed to remain a mystery forever?

What was needed was a model that works for both, and a long-period transient with sufficiently high-quality data to test it.

A uniquely long-lived example

In 2023, we discovered GPM J1839-10, a long-period transient with a 21-minute period. It was the second such discovery, but unlike its predecessor or those found since, it is uniquely long-lived. Pulses were found in archival data dating back to 1988, though only during some of the times they should have been detected.

As it is 15,000 light-years away, it can only be observed in radio waves. We therefore examined this seemingly random, intermittent signal in greater detail. We observed GPM J1839-10 in a series dubbed "round-the-world" observations, using three telescopes that passed the source from one to the next as Earth rotated: the Australian SKA Pathfinder (ASKAP), the MeerKAT radio telescope in South Africa, and the Karl G. Jansky Very Large Array in the United States.

The intermittent signal turned out not to be random at all. The pulses arrive in groups of four or five, and the groups occur in pairs separated by two hours. The entire pattern repeats every nine hours.

Such a stable pattern strongly implies the signal originates from a binary system of two bodies orbiting each other every nine hours. Knowing the period also allows us to estimate their masses, which together are consistent with a white dwarf–M-dwarf binary. Re-examining the archival data, we found that not only were the detections consistent with the same pattern, but the combined dataset allowed us to refine the orbital period to a precision of just 0.2 seconds.

A heartbeat pattern

Radio data alone show that GPM J1839-10 is definitively a binary system. Moreover, the distinctive "heartbeat" of its pulses offers clues to its nature that are only accessible through radio observations. Inspired by a previous study of a white dwarf pulsar, we modelled GPM J1839-10 as a white dwarf generating a radio beam as its magnetic pole sweeps through its companion's stellar wind. The changing alignment of the binary system with our line of sight throughout the orbit accurately reproduces the heartbeat pattern.

This model even allows us to reconstruct the system's geometry, including the separation of the stars and their masses.

Taken together, GPM J1839-10 has the potential to be the missing link between long-period transients and white dwarf pulsars. Armed with this model, other astronomers have already detected variability at the measured periods in high-precision optical data, despite being unable to resolve the binary pair directly.

Research is ongoing into the precise emission physics and how the broader range of long-period transient properties fit together. Nevertheless, this represents a crucial step towards understanding these enigmatic objects.

(By Csanad Horvath and Natasha Hurley-Walker, Curtin University, The Conversation)

MIRRORLIGHTS

Study reveals intelligence as product of brain's system-wide organisation

Researchers have found evidence supporting a theory that views intelligence as a property of how the brain functions as a whole, rather than being linked to a specific cognitive function or brain network.

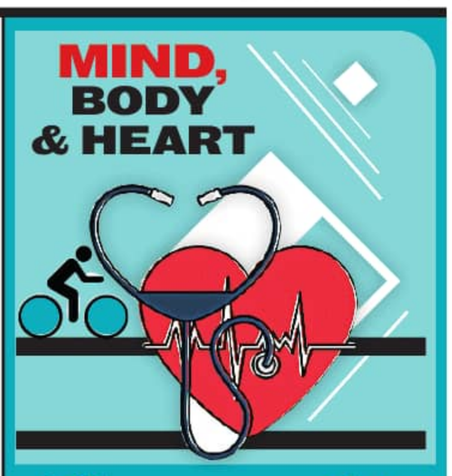
According to the Network Neuroscience Theory, intelligence is said to reflect how brain networks are coordinated and adapt to solve the diverse problems encountered in life.

Researchers at the University of Notre Dame in the US analysed brain imaging and cognitive data from 831 adults participating in the Human Connectome Project, an initiative focused on mapping the human brain and linking its structure to function and behaviour.

An independent group of 145 adults was also analysed.

"We found evidence for system-wide coordination in the brain that is both robust and adaptable. This coordination does not carry out cognition itself, but determines the range of cognitive operations the system can support," said Ramsey Wilcox, a graduate student at the University of Notre Dame and lead author of the study published in the journal Nature Communications.

The brain operates as a network defined by efficiency, flexibility, and integration, not individual regions. Evidence supports the Network Neuroscience Theory, which suggests intelligence depends on system-level organization, balancing local specialization with long-range communication. "General intelligence emerges when many processes coordinate under system-level constraints," said Aron Barbey. Analyses showed no single "intelligence network" suffices—rather, multiple networks, weak long-range connections, and a small-world architecture enable effective problem-solving. **—PTI**



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In your 20s: Build reserves

Your 20s are prime for building muscle, bone density, and movement skills. Hormones and recovery are on your side. "What you build now becomes your reserve later," says Mitushi. Strength training with impact cardio sets the foundation, while learning proper technique and progressive overload builds confidence with weights.

In your 30s: Maintain and balance

In your 30s, career, pregnancy, and lifestyle shifts can affect consistency, leading to muscle loss. "Structured strength training with impact, plus good nutrition and sleep, is essential," says Mitushi. Flexibility helps, but strength preserves posture, joints, and manages stress.

In your 40s: preserve and protect

Perimenopause brings hormonal shifts, slower recovery, and muscle loss. Resistance training is essential. "The body still needs challenge; repeating the same movements won't work," says Mitushi. Smart programming and scaled impact protect joints while maintaining strength.

In your 50s and beyond: Train for independence

Post-menopause, strength training focuses on independence. It improves balance, reduces fall risk, and maintains function, while scaled impact preserves bone health. Consistency, control, and confidence take priority over intensity.

—Femina

RTOs taking their own sweet time to get cracking

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dangerous stunts or "wheelies" on city roads. In cases involving underage riders, legal action is being taken against parents or vehicle owners. Licence suspension is recommended for offenders who repeatedly flout traffic rules or cause serious accidents. Senior police officials explained that violations such as reckless driving, repeated traffic offences, and incidents causing accidents are also being reviewed for licence suspension. "We are prioritising the safety of road users and ensuring strict action against habitual offenders," an official said.

Suspension Delay

While traffic police are recommending licence suspensions promptly, the actual process at RTO offices has been slow. Of the 19,548 recommendations made, only 4,479 licences have been suspended so far. Bengaluru has 12 regional transport offices, and the RTOs are tasked with acting on recommendations related to drunk driving, wheeling, and other serious traffic violations. However, delays in suspension mean offenders often continue to violate rules with little fear of consequences. Authorities have urged RTO officials to expedite the process and ensure timely action to deter repeated offences.

Traffic police have reiterated that strict monitoring, immediate fines, and licence suspension are crucial to curb dangerous driving practices in the city. "Continuous awareness campaigns, combined with robust enforcement, remain the need of the hour to make Bengaluru roads safer for everyone," a traffic police official added.

Parking is free, but ride at your own risk

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infrastructure at stations is improved.

"Removing the parking fee is encouraging, but cyclists also need clearly marked, secure and well-maintained parking spaces. In some stations, cycles are parked in corners without proper racks, which discourages people from using them regularly," said a cyclist from the city.

Cycle Mayor Sathya Sankaran has consistently raised issues with regard to clarity and safety. Daily commuters echoed similar concerns. Riya Sharma (name changed), who cycles to the metro station near her residence, said affordability was only one part of the equation.

"I'm happy that parking will be free, but I'd also like to see covered areas and proper locking systems. Leaving a cycle unattended for several hours can be stressful," she said.

To manage the new facilities, BMRCL has floated a tender to appoint an agency responsible for operating and maintaining the bicycle parking spaces at the nine stations.

"Free parking is a positive step, but it addresses only one part of the problem. Many stations are surrounded by busy roads with no cycle lanes, making it unsafe to even reach the parking area," said a metro commuter who likes to cycle.

Urban planners say the initiative could play a role in easing traffic pressure in Bengaluru, a city grappling with growing congestion and pollution. Integrating cycling with mass transit is widely seen as an effective way to reduce short car and two-wheeler trips.

Experts, however, emphasise the need for supporting infrastructure beyond parking.

"Safe approach roads, cycle lanes, lighting, and surveillance are just as important. When people feel safe cycling to the station, they are far more likely to adopt it as a daily habit," said an urban mobility expert.

New initiative

The stations identified for free bicycle parking are located along major corridors of the metro network.

These include Mysuru Road and aiyappanahalli on the Purple Line; Madavara, Peenya Industry, and JP Nagar on the Green Line; and BTM Layout, Electronics City, Ragigudda, and Jayadeva Hospital on the Yellow Line. According to BMRCL officials, these stations were chosen based on existing demand and the number of cyclists already accessing metro services in these areas.

Govt will launch drive to trace, deport Bangladeshis: Parameshwara

Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwara on Monday said a drive will be launched to trace and deport Bangladeshis from the state. "I have told police officers to take the drive to identify and deport the Bangladeshis. It has come to our notice that the Bangladeshis are largely concentrated in Chikkamagaluru, Hassan, Bengaluru City, Bengaluru Rural and Kodagu," Parameshwara said in the Assembly.

According to him, the work is already in progress to identify and deport the illegal migrants from Bangladesh.

He said Bangladeshis are not just in Karnataka but across the country. Putting the blame on the Centre for the illegal Bangladeshi migrants in India, he said they enter India and spread from Kolkata.

"Who looks after the Indian border? It's our military and the Border Security Force (BSF). How do they enter the country so easily? Isn't this the very basic question?" he sought to know. Rejecting the claim that there are lakhs of illegal Bangladeshis in Karnataka, the Minister said the government will not let them roam free.

The Minister said in 2021 when the BJP was in power, 15 people were deported and 21 in 2022. After the Congress came to power in Karnataka, 47 people were deported in 2023, 62 in 2024 and 87 in 2025. "196 people were deported after our government came to power. We have identified 370 people. Since various cases are pending against them. We have initiated the process to deport them," Parameshwara told the House.

He also said that he has directed the police officers not to allow drug activities to happen in the state. **PTI**

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Air India grounds Boeing Dreamliner jet

Air India said on Monday it had grounded a Boeing Dreamliner after one of its pilots reported a possible defect with the aircraft's fuel control switch, which is at the centre of an ongoing probe into a deadly air crash last year.

The airline did not specify the nature of the defect or provide details of the flight. But two sources said the pilot had reported the defect after the plane landed in the southern Indian city of Bengaluru after taking off from London.

"After receiving this initial information, we have grounded the said aircraft," Air India said, adding that it was in touch with Boeing "on a priority basis".

The fuel switches were at the centre of last year's crash involving an Air India Dreamliner, which killed 260 people in Gujarat state, triggering tighter scrutiny of the airline. **Reuters**

 # Digital backlash
'Dhadak 2' director Shazia Iqbal faces online heat, turns Instagram private after calling 'Dhurandhar' 'sinister'

Patani duo's amusing age gap

Age gap between Patani sisters sparks online buzz

The Patani sisters Disha and Khushboo have become a part of a discussion on the internet. Netizens started talking about them after noticing something strange about their ages. There seems to be a gap of only 203 days, which is around six months, between the sisters, which has led fans and the internet to discuss it online. Let's take a look.

Disha and Khushboo Patani's Google profiles

As per Google profiles, Disha Patani was born on 13 June 1992. Her sister Khushboo Patani is listed as born on 23 November 1991. This shows a gap of only 203 days.

What users are saying online

The dates shown online made many people stop and think. A six-month gap between two sisters is very rare. People started asking how this is even possible. On X (formerly Twitter), some said the dates might not be correct. Others said the dates could be official ones, not real ones. The discussion quickly became a big talking point, with many users sharing their own thoughts and life stories.

One user wrote, "It's possible with faking DOB for reducing the age. Something a lot of us do. What you mentioned is their 'official' DOB, not their 'real' DOB." Another said, "Could be premature … delivery in 7th-8th month has become quite common now even that time they were happening…" One more added, "Document me hota tha phle k time par." Someone else wrote, "There must be something wrong with the info...."

Another user shared, "30 years back and so, it was normal thing...many of us have wrong date of birth on certificates."

Fan's comical take

Some users took the fun route. One wrote, "Possible in a parallel universe." Another joked, "The answer is in their name- Pata ni". While the sisters have not reacted yet, the internet is clearly enjoying the mystery.

—ETimes

Deepika reveals her obsession

Deepika Padukone is experiencing one of the most beautiful chapters of her life, becoming a mother. In September 2024, she and her husband Ranveer Singh welcomed their baby girl, Dua. Since then, the actress has shared glimpses of this new journey and confessed that she simply can't get enough of her little daughter.

In her recent interaction with Bazaar India, Deepika opened up about life as a new mom and the little things that fill her days with joy. When asked about her current obsession, the actress smiled and said, "Not current, I'm going to remove 'current' from it. My obsession is my daughter." She went on to narrate a few amusing stories about her baby girl, Dua.

Talking about what's inside her bag, Deepika revealed with a laugh, "The weirdest thing in my bag? There was a piece of thepla that she (Dua) was eating, and I found it after two days." The actress also shared how she sings "Head, shoulder, knees and toes" for Dua. And when the conversation turned to a phrase she often repeats, Deepika tenderly admitted, "In a good way, I've been saying I love you a lot to my baby."

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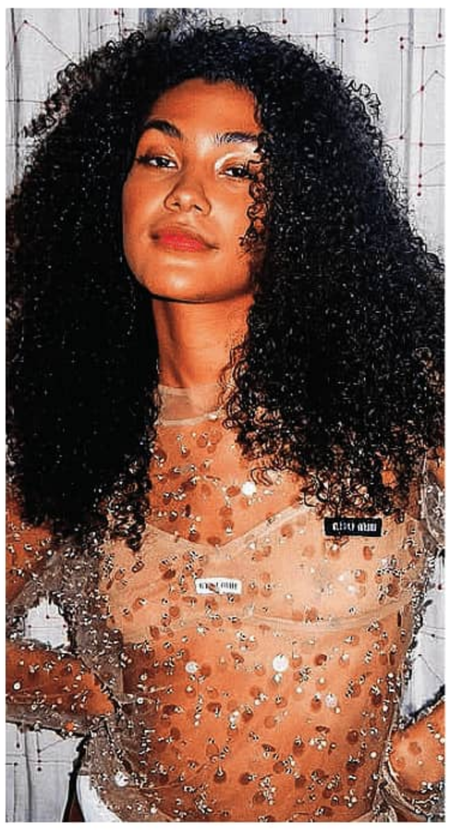
Olivia Dean's Grammy glory



British singer-songwriter Olivia Dean won Best New Artist at the 2026 Grammy Awards on Sunday, a breakthrough moment that capped a fast rise and brought her to tears onstage. At 26, Dean used her acceptance speech to thank her team, honour her family and spotlight her immigrant roots. The win followed a year of viral songs and a chart-climbing debut album that pushed her into the mainstream and set the tone for an emotional night.

The victory was confirmed during the televised ceremony, with Billboard citing the chart performance. Dean opened her speech with gratitude and disbelief. "I never really imagined that I would be up here, let alone nominated. So thank you so much," she said. She then praised the people behind her work. "I just want to say that an artist is really nothing without their team. Emily, my best friend, my manager, we've been doing this for 10 years. So this is for you, too, my family."

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No more second guessing

Actress Medha Rana who has successfully cemented her position in the entertainment industry with her recent release 'Border 2', reflected on the changes she has noticed in herself since 2022.

During an exclusive conversation with IANS, Medha shared that in the last 3 years, she has become a more confident person who is also more accepting of herself. She added that earlier, she used to be surrounded by self-doubt and was even unsure about being a part of the industry.

However, ever since she became a part of 'Border 2' and saw the audience response to the war drama, she has become more confident in herself and her skills. "But now I think after the experience and response for Border 2, the biggest change I notice in myself is that I feel more confident about myself, my skills. I think that is the biggest growth that I have faced," she went on to add.

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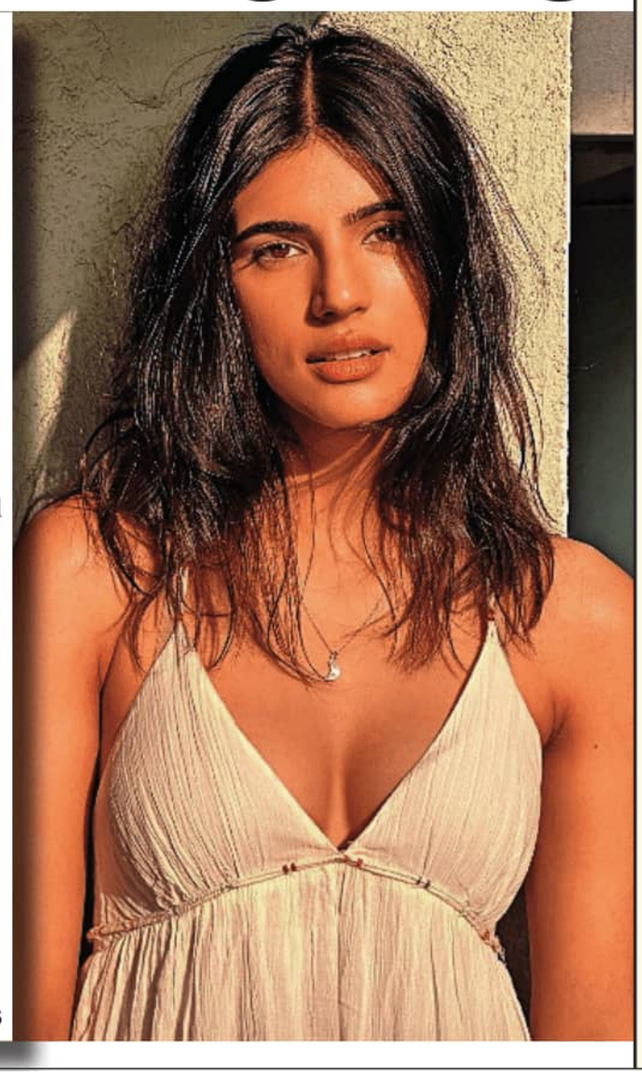


SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

MGR's first look

Pranam Devaraj is all set to portray MGR on the silver screen. Known for his roles in Kannada films Kumari 21F and S/o Muthanna, Pranam now takes on the lead in the upcoming film MGR. The film's title and first look were unveiled on Pranam's birthday, in a celebration graced by his father, veteran actor Devaraj. The project is backed by his brother Prajwal Devaraj, alongside Divya Keshav, under the banners of Dynamic Ventures and Purathana Film Productions.

Divya Keshav of Purathana Film Productions expressed her delight in collaborating with Prajwal Devaraj for the film.

The movie is to be helmed by Srikanth Hunasur. Prior to this, Srikanth Hunasur helmed Kannada movie S/o Muthanna in which Pranam played the lead.

Prajwal, who makes his debut as a producer, said the movie is set in 2005. "The muhurat function of the movie is expected to be held during the Ugadi festival. We want to encourage new talent through Dynamic Ventures," he said.

Mixing it up

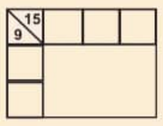
Bangari Yare Nee Bulbul, the chart-topping track from Challenging Star Darshan's Kannada hit Gaja, has returned in a fresh avatar. The remix version was unveiled by Darshan's fans at a special function held at MMB Legacy on Thursday. The reimagined track will feature in the upcoming Kannada film Gharga, which is slated for release on February 6.

Around 50 fans of Darshan attended the event, extending their best wishes to the cast and crew of the upcoming film Gharga, which carries the tagline "The Land of Shadow." The movie is helmed by M Shashidhar and supported by Ashwini Ramprasad known for bankrolling the Kannada movies Jogi and Preeti Yeke Bhoomi Melide.

It is said that the movie Gharga belongs to the adventure and horror genre. Arun Ramprasad has played a writer-cum-adventurist in the movie. The movie also features Saikumar, Rehana, Sampath Raj, Rahul Dev, Dev Gill, Shravan Raghavendra, Arun Sagar and Mithra.

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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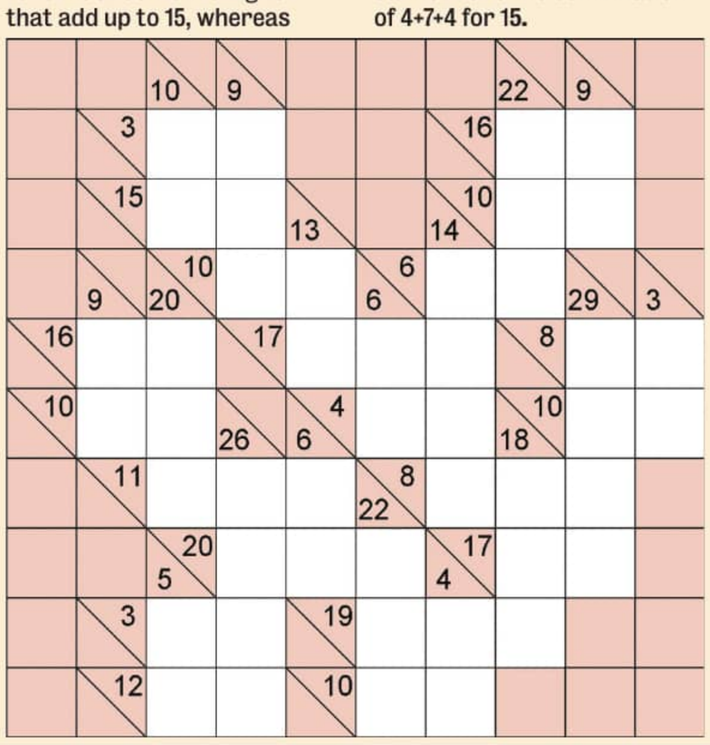

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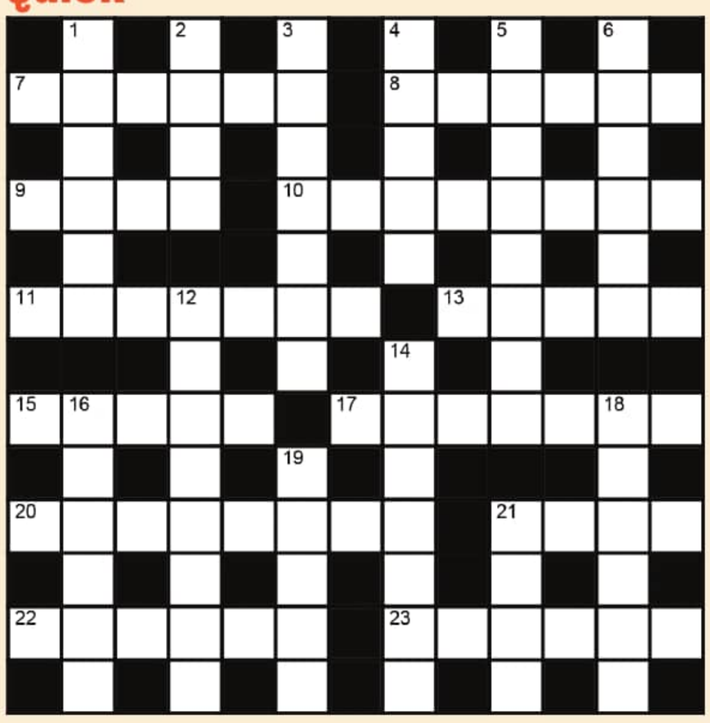


ACROSS

7 Citizen of our country (6)
8 Counting frame (6)
9 Low part in music (4)
10 Had an effect on (8)
11 Bangalore's famed botanical gardens (7)
13 Offensiveness (5)
15 Grant or permit (5)
17 Crowd to excess (7)
20 In decline (2,3,3)
21 College ball (4)
22 Amass (6)
23 Barked like a small dog (6)

DOWN

1 Turkish city (6)
2 Small pieces (4)
3 Turn at bat (7)
4 Quite content (5)
5 Guard animal (8)
6 Government office (6)
12 Uproar (8)
14 Hoydens (7)
16 One-dimensional (6)
18 ___ the fire : makes the fire burn brighter? (6)
19 Singes (5)
21 Insect stage (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Z EQUALS N

SQZLSKGZSG KL, KZ DQLO DGZ, JZ JZOKSKYJOKQZ QB OUG QYKZKQZL QB QOUGHL.

Linemaro

I am not an organ donor, but I don't mind giving you my heart

Mindchow

He is rich that is satisfied

Joke of the day

How do they get the deer to cross at that road sign?

Loop

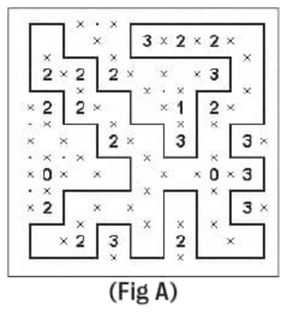
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

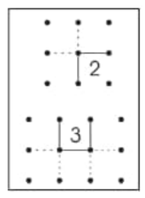
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

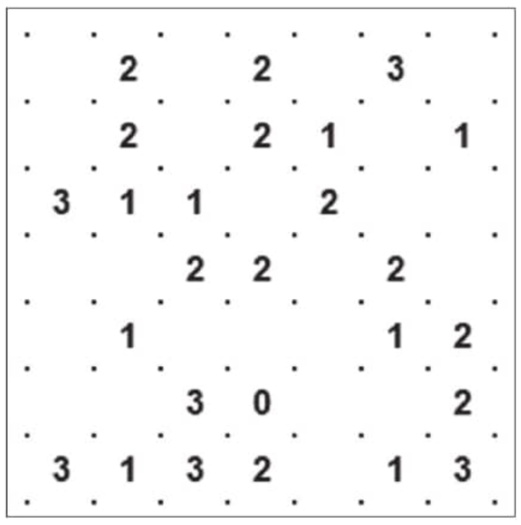
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



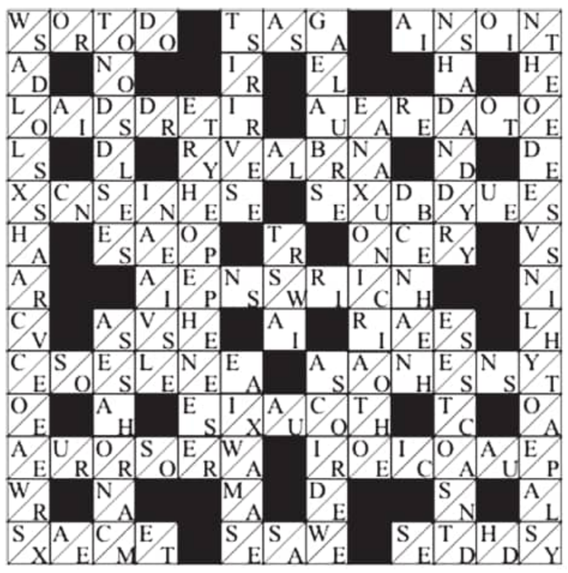
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



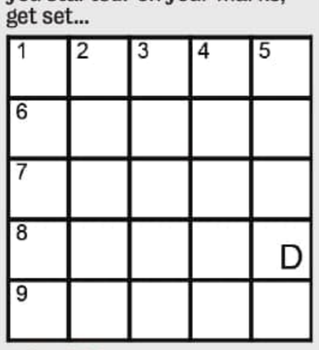
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Tra-la; 6 Elgar; 7 Ree Nu; 8 Ad pen; 9 Sheik

DOWN

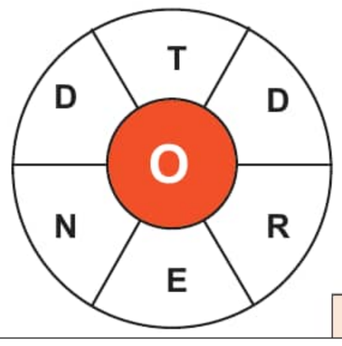
1 He Alp; 2 Liana; 3 K Runt; 4 Eager; 5 Redes

Mensapuzzle

Which number completes the sequence?

G	M
2	0
N	T
3	4
U	B
2	

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

17 Average; 19 Good; 21 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

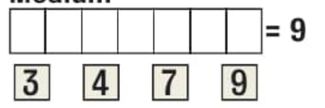
4		2				8		6
			6		8			
8		9		2		5		3
5			1		9			4
				4				
6			7		3			8
9		6		1		2		5
			9		6			
1		8				4		9

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy

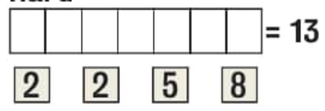


2 4 5 9

Medium

3 4 7 9

Hard



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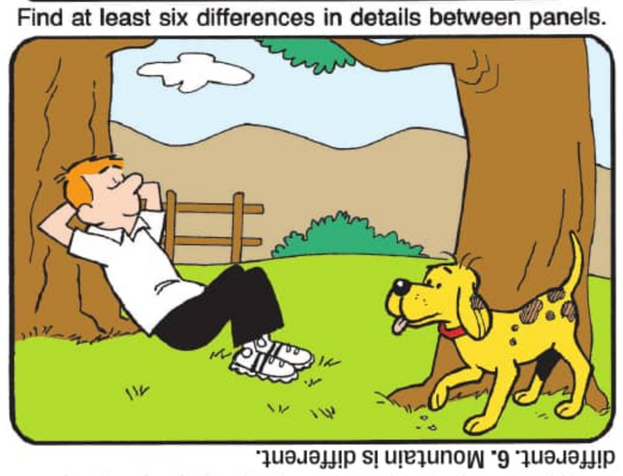
Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



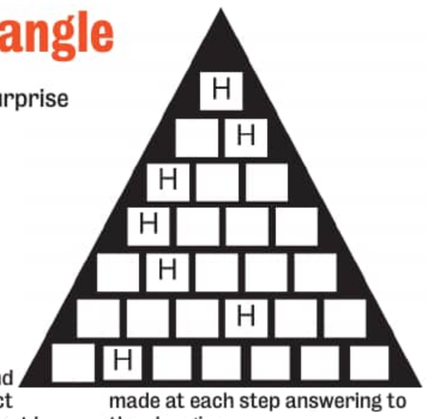
Differences: 1. Vest is missing. 2. Dog's collar is different. 3. Tree trunk is not as wide. 4. Tail is moved. 5. Hair is different. 6. Mountain is different.

Riddler

What connects these four things? Bronchi, Feta, Topi & Pepsi

Alpha triangle

1 Atomic number 1
2 Interjection of surprise
3 Gardening tool
4 Leander's love
5 Pang
6 Female parent
7 Axiom



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye

THE KING OWNS ALL BUSINESS IN DUNDER AND HIS WIVES DO THE WORK!
POOR OLIVE!
NEED A DITCH? HIRE THE ROYAL DIGGERS
ROYAL DITCH DIGGING CO.
THE KING ONLY MARRIES TO ACQUIRE NEW LABORERS!
AN' OLIVE THINKS SHE IS GO'NER BECOME A ROYAL QUEEN AN' LIVE IN LUXURY!
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Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

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WE'LL SIMPLY FILE A SUIT UNDER THE FREEDOM FROM INFLAMMATION ACT!
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WRITTEN IN THE STARS

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If it's your birthday today

A vibrant year of exploration awaits you. Career transitions in April lead to increased authority and financial rewards. Love flourishes during a scenic mid-year getaway, strengthening your emotional bonds. At home, a renovation or relocation provides a fresh start for your family. Stay open to unconventional advice regarding investments. Your social circle expands, bringing influential mentors into your daily life.

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Fortune favours the bold, so take a positive risk and put your creative ideas into action. Your courage today will likely lead to successful outcomes and valuable new life lessons.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Your career is on an upward trajectory, bringing you a well-deserved boost in confidence. You will find brilliant solutions to any lingering issues. Success is yours for the taking today.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Connecting with others today will lead you toward exactly what you have been seeking. Offer a helping hand or accept support graciously. Your social skills are your greatest asset now.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Trust your powerful intuition to guide you through today's challenges with ease. In your personal life, clear and honest communication will strengthen your bonds and bring you much closer together.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Welcome fresh beginnings by letting go of the past and embracing new opportunities. You are planting seeds for future success. Watch with joy as your new projects begin to grow.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Stand your ground and confidently share your innovative ideas with the world. You know your worth and capabilities. By showing your inner power, you will attract the opportunities you deserve.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Embrace the journey of discovery one day at a time. Creative professionals will experience a fantastic breakthrough today. Trust that your path is unfolding exactly as it is meant to.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
You are doing a wonderful job, so remember to give yourself plenty of credit. Voice your inspired ideas at work today. Your unique perspective is valuable and deserves to be.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Focus on the many positive things happening in your life right now. Surrounding yourself with supportive people will help you grow. Your bright mind-set attracts even more goodness and success.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Have complete faith in yourself and the universe today. Everything is coming together beautifully for your benefit. Trust the process, as things will unfold in the best possible way soon.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
If you feel stuck, a peaceful session of meditation will help unblock your mind. Spending quiet time with yourself today brings renewed clarity. You will soon feel creatively revitalized again.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
[(10^6)(10^-3)]^1/9
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QUOTE UNCODE
Conscience is, in most men, an anticipation of the opinions of others.

RIDDLER
They all end in Greek letters.

FAST FIVE

A	L	T	A	R
L	A	R	G	E
E	N	U	R	E
P	A	N	E	D
H	I	K	E	S

STRIKE OUT

S	A	M	E		S	A	W		E	D	D	Y
R		A		M		E		N		A
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A		O		I		E						H
W	O	O	D		S	A	G		I	S	I	T

QUICK

MENSA PUZZLE
3. Add the numerical values of the pairs of letters and write the two digit result in the boxes below.

BULL'S EYE
doer, done, dote, doted, drone, node, rode, rodent, rote, note, noted, redo, tenor, toad, tone, toned, toner, tore, torn, trod, TRODDEN

SUDOKU

1	3	8	2	7	5	4	6	9
2	4	5	9	8	6	7	3	1
9	7	6	3	1	4	2	8	5
6	2	4	7	5	3	9	1	8
3	9	1	8	4	2	6	5	7
5	8	7	1	6	9	3	2	4
8	6	9	4	2	1	5	7	3
7	5	3	6	9	8	1	4	2
4	1	2	5	3	7	8	9	6

ALPHA TRIANGLE
H, Oh, Hoe, Hero, Throe, Mother, Theorem.

GO FIGURE
4 + 5 - 2 + 9 = 16
Easy
3 + 9 + 4 - 7 = 9
Medium
8 x 2 / 2 + 5 = 13
Hard

LOOP

KAKURO

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